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ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY CENTERS ON DISABILITIES,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILS
ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND
SELF ADVOCATES BECOMING EMPOWERED

Present the:



***A NEW ERA: EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE FACE OF GRAVE CHALLENGES***

April 27-29

The Hyatt Regency Washington
on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue NW
Washington, DC

Time	Monday, April 27	Room
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8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Regency Foyer

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Legislative Advocacy 101

Regency A

Concurrent Sessions

Speakers:

- Erika Hagensen, , Director of Disability Rights, Family and Technology Policy, Disability Policy Collaboration (DPC) of The Arc and UCP
- Thomas Webb, Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation Fellow
- Samantha Marsh, Disability Policy Leadership Fellow, Association Of University Centers On Disabilities (AUCD)

Medicaid Now

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Moderator: Chester Finn, President, Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)

Speaker:

- Nancy Thaler, Executive Director, National Association on State Directors of Development Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – noon

**Welcome and Orientation
New Administration, New Congress**

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Valley Forge

Moderator: Joanna Pierson, President-elect, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

Presenter:

- Kareem Dale, Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy
- Connie Garner, Policy Director for Disability and Special Populations for Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch on your own

<p>1:15 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.</p> <p>Plenary Session</p>	<p>Policy Update I</p> <p>Moderator: Lorraine Sheehan, Co-chair, DPC Steering Committee</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paul Marchand, Staff Director, DPC ➤ Liz Savage, Director of Health and Housing Policy, DPC ➤ Marty Ford, Director of Legal Advocacy, DPC ➤ Joe Caldwell, Policy Analyst, AUCD 	<p>Regency A/ Ticonderoga/ Yorktown/ Valley Forge</p>
<p>2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>2:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Plenary Session</p>	<p>Policy Update II</p> <p>Moderator: Robert Bacon, Director, Iowa Center for Excellence on Disabilities</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Julie Ward, Director of Employment and Transportation Policy, DPC ➤ Kim Musheno, Director of Legislative Affairs, Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) ➤ Liz Savage, Director of Health and Housing Policy, DPC ➤ Marty Ford, Director of Legal Advocacy, DPC ➤ Ed Long, Government Relations Consultant, National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) ➤ Erika Hagensen, Director of Disability Rights, Family and Technology Policy, DPC 	<p>Regency A/ Ticonderoga/ Yorktown/ Valley Forge</p>
<p>4:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Leadership in Disability Policy Award</p> <p>Recipient: Honorable Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives</p>	<p>Regency A/ Ticonderoga/ Yorktown/ Valley Forge</p>

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First Day Recap (optional)

Congressional
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Moderators:

- Mike Brogioli, Chief Executive Officer, NACDD
- Liz Savage, Director of Health and Housing Policy, DPC

Dinner on your own

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8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Registration

Regency Foyer
Office

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary Session I

Budget and Appropriations & Social Security

Moderator: Mark Lezotte, Co-chair, DPC Steering Committee

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Presenters:

- Sharon Parrott, Director ,Welfare Reform and Income Support Division, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP)
- Alan Cohen, Senior Budget Analyst, Senate Finance Committee Majority Staff
- Mark Laisch, Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Labor, HHS, Education Subcommittee

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Plenary Session II

Health Care and Long Term Services and Supports

Moderator: Lucille Zeph, Director, Maine University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities

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Presenters:

- Catherine Dratz, Health Policy Advisor, Senate Finance Committee Majority Staff
- Peter Thomas, Principal, Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville
- Larry Minnix, President and CEO, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA)

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Break

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Luncheon

Moderator: Lynne Cleveland, Board President, The Arc of the U.S.

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Speaker: Gary Bass, Executive Director, OMB Watch

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2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Break/Networking

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions I

Developmental Disabilities Act

Regency A

Moderator:

Heidi Lawyer, Executive Director, Virginia Board for People with Disabilities

Presenters:

- Curt Decker, Executive Director, National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
- Sheila Carey, Executive Director, New York State Developmental Disabilities Council
- Lucille Zeph, Director, University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies (UCEDD)
- Chester Finn, President, Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE)
- Anne Morris, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) (Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee)

Asset Development

Ticonderoga

Moderator: Dave Richard, Executive Director, The Arc of North Carolina

Presenters:

- John Ariale, Chief of Staff for Rep. Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)
- Dustin Krasny, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)
- Steve Beck, Board Member, Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia
- Johnette Hartnett, Director of Research and the Real Economic Impact Tour, National Disability Institute

Education

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Moderator: Ron Brown, Board Member, The Arc of the U.S.

Presenters:

- Sharon Lewis, Senior Disability Policy Advisor, House Committee on Education and Labor
- Laura Kaloi, Public Policy Director, National Center for Learning Disabilities

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions II

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Regency A

Moderator: Cathy Pratt, Director, Indiana Resource Center for Autism

Presenters:

- Sara M. Singleton, Legislative Assistant, Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-IL)
- Kenneth DeGraff, Legislative Assistant, Representative Mike Doyle (D-PA)
- Jeff Sell, Vice President, Advocacy & Public Policy, Autism Society of America
- Stuart Spielman, Director Public Policy, Autism Speaks

Employment

Ticonderoga

Moderator: William Kiernan, Director, Institute for Community Inclusion

Presenters:

- Sharon Lewis, Senior Disability Policy Advisor, House Committee on Education and Labor
- Cheryl Bates-Harris, Senior Disability Advocacy Specialist, National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)

Housing

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Moderator: Jeff Cooper, Executive Director, UCP of Central PA

Presenters:

- Ann O'Hara, Associate Director, Technical Assistance Collaborative
- Andrew Sperling, Director of Legislative Advocacy, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

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5:15 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Break

5:25 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wrap Up

Moderator: Steven Eidelman, President AAIDD

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6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

State Caucuses

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7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Community Advocacy Discussion for Self-Advocates

Moderators: Tia Nelis, Essie Pederson, Tamar Heller and Laura Walker

Columbia A

SABE will lead discussion for self-advocates about how people can lead more self-determined lives and advocate for policies and legislation that include an emphasis on self-determination. Come meet other self-advocates and the leaders of SABE.

Dinner on your own

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All Day

Capitol Hill Visits



Seminar Staff will be available from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- **Longworth House Office Building**, Cafeteria (location - basement level)
- **Hart Senate Office Building**, The Senate Chef (location - ground floor between the Hart and Dirksen Senate Office Buildings)